

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR PROMOTION OF ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the scheme launched by the Union Government to promote the talent of Scheduled Tribe students of the country;
- (b) the type of assistance provided by the Central Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of assistance provided to `Adarsh Vidyalaya, Kanya Shiksha Parisar and Gurukul Vidyalaya in the State of Chhattisgarh during the last three years;and
- (d) the details of achievements of `Jawahar Adim Jati Vidyarthi Utkarsh Yojana in Chhattisgarh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

(a) and (b) Details of the schemes implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to promote the talent of Scheduled Tribe students in the country and the type of assistance provided, are enclosed as statement.

(c) and (d) During the last three years, the Ministry has released an amount of Rs. 285.00 lakhs for establishment of 8 Eklavya Model Residential Schools and Rs. 28.814 lakhs for Educational Complexes in Low Literacy Pockets for the development of literacy amongst ST girls (Kanya Shiksha Parisar) to the State of Chhattisgarh. The other schemes mentioned are implemented by the State Government from their budget.

Statement

1. Post Matric Scholarships for ST students (Centrally Sponsored Scheme):

Under this scheme a grant is sanctioned to the States/UTs to provide financial assistance to ST students pursuing recognized Post Matric courses in recognized institutions. 100% Central assistance over and above the committed liability is provided. The amount of committed liability which is equal to the expenditure reached in the last year of the plan period is borne by the concerned state government. North Eastern States are exempted from the condition of committed liability and are provided 100% central assistance.

2. Coaching and Allied scheme for ST students (Centrally Sponsored Scheme):

Under this scheme Pre-coaching facilities are provided to ST students through Pre-Examination Training Centres to help them to compete in various competitive examinations having an All India Recruitment character. State Govts. are provided 50% of the total expenditure incurred by them and NGOs are provided 100% grant.

3. Upgradation of Merit for ST students (Central Sector Scheme):

The objective of the scheme is to upgrade the merit of ST students by providing them remedial and special coaching in classes IX to XII. 100% central assistance is provided to States/UTs. While the remedial coaching aims at removing deficiencies in various subjects, the special coaching is provided with a view to prepare the students for competitive examinations for seeking entry into professional courses like in the Engineering and Medical disciplines.

4. Book Bank of ST students (Centrally Sponsored Scheme):

The objective of the scheme is to provide Books to deserving ST students pursuing Medical, Engg., Agriculture etc. courses. The total expenditure is shared between Central Govt. and State Govt. on 50-50 basis. UTs are provided 100% central assistance.

5. Eklavya Model Residential Schools (Central Sector Scheme):

A part of the grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution is provided to the State Governments to establish Eklavya Model Residential Schools for imparting quality education to the tribal students of VIth to XIIth Standard. In these Model Residential Schools, there would be 420 students, out of which 50% would be girls. An amount of Rs. 2.50 crore is provided as non-recurring grant for construction of each such School. Towards recurring expenditure, such as staff salaries, mess charges, toiletries etc., the annual

recurring grant will be limited to Rs. 30.00 lakhs, after the school reaches itsfull strength.